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SUBJECT: JEWISH CLAIMS AGAINST GDR

1. BENJAMIN FERENCZ, COUSEL TO THE CONFERENCE ON JEWISH MATERIAL CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY, ARRIVED IN BERLIN ON DECEMBER 9 WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH THE COMMITTEE OF ANTI-FASCIST RESISTANCE FIGHTERS (KAW). AFTER A FUTILE ATTEMPT ON DECEMBER 10 TO MEET WITH ONE (FNU) FUNKE OF THE KAW, FEREC, WAS GIVEN A DECEMBER 12 APPOINTMENT WITH FUNKE'S DEPUTY, LIDWIG, EINICKE, A MEMBER OF THE KAW "PRAESIDIUM" (BOARD OF DIRECTORS). ACCORDING TO FERENCZ, THE 90-MINUTE MEETING OCCURED IN A CORRECT AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE.

2. ALTHOUGH FERENCZ AT FIRST THOUGH HE WAS BEING GIVEN A RUN-AROUND, HIS IMPRESSION AFTER MEETING WITH EINICKE WAS THAT THE KAW HAD ITS ORDERS AND THAT THE GDR WOULD WANT TO DO "SOMETHING" TO SATISFY AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO WERE NAZI VICTIMS. FERENZ SAID EINICKE HAD MADE CLEAR THAT THE GDR WAS PREPARED TO DEAL ONLY WITH AMERICANS ON THIS SUBJECT AND ONLY AS REGARDS AMERICAN CLAIMANTS.

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FERENCZ ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE VENUE FOR POSSIBLE DIS-

CUSSIONS BETWEEN THE JEWISH CLAIM CONFERENCE AND THE KAW,
EINICKE REPORTEDLY AGREETING TO SWITZERLAND.

3. FERENCZ WILL NOW REPORT BACK TO THE JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE AND
NATHUM GOLDMANN. HE WILL THEN WRITE EINICKE, PROPOSING NEXT STEPS.
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